

NEWS RELEASE

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Carol A. Murray, Commissioner

For Immediate Release

December 7, 2001

Contact:

Donald Coleman
Construction Bureau
(603) 271-2571
Bill Boynton
Public Information
(603) 271-6495

TRAFFIC DETOURED FOR HAVERHILL BRIDGE PROJECT
NEARBY RAILROAD BRIDGE UTILIZED DURING REHABILITATION

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces work is underway on the rehabilitation of the bridge carrying U.S. Route 302 over the Connecticut River between Haverhill, New Hampshire and Newbury, Vermont.

This project will require the bridge to be closed and traffic is being detoured via a nearby railroad bridge which has been prepared to handle two-way vehicle traffic.

The rehabilitation work involves the replacement of the bridge floor system, rehabilitation of the abutments, painting all of the structural steel, constructing new retaining walls, relocating the sidewalk outside of the downstream arch and roadway reconstruction of approximately 700 feet on the New Hampshire approach to the bridge and approximately 450 feet on the Vermont approach.

Traffic will be restored on the newly rehabilitated bridge by October 25, 2002. The final completion date of the project is June 2003.

CPM Constructors, of Freeport, Maine is the general contractor for the \$4.56 million project.